



Marshy Point Nature Center

Program and Event Calendar

7130 Marshy Point Road
Middle River, MD21220
410-887-2817 | www.marshypoint.org
Department of Recreation & Parks



Masks required while inside the Nature Center

Special Events

Holiday Party - Decorate the Nature Center, sing carols, enjoy baked goods and hot chocolate, and make a wreath or ornament to celebrate the holidays! Open to the public; costs for activities vary. **December 4 from 10am - 4pm.**

Maple Sugar Hike - How do you get sap from a tree? How is maple sugar made? Who originally created maple syrup? Join us for a hike where we'll answer these questions and provide interactive demonstrations; participants will help tap a tree, collect sap, learn how to make maple syrup, and have the opportunity to taste different types of syrup. **February 19, 20, 26, 27 from 11am - 4pm. \$5 per non-member, \$3 per member; hikes run every hour on the hour. Last hike at 3pm.**

Spring 2022 Chesapeake Adventurers Program - Alongside two Adventure Guides, children will journey through the forests, wetlands, and tidal creeks that make up Marshy Point. We will explore vernal ponds, play in meadows, and climb trees. Along the way, we will discover the flora and fauna that surround us, allowing each child to make their own special connections with nature. AGES: 3 1/2, 4, & 5. Session runs **January 31 - May 27.**

Program Registration Information

Advance registration required for all programs. Programs begin promptly at start time.

- *Call **410-887-2817** M-F, 9am - 5pm for availability & information.
- *Registration can only be completed in-person or by phone; online registration is unavailable at this time.
- * Payments can be made in person, by check payable to MPNC Council, 7130 Marshy Point Rd, Balto. MD 21220, or online at www.marshypoint.org through our "Get Involved" section.
- * Organizations and groups must schedule private programs; programs in this calendar are meant for individuals and families.
- *Kayak trips: single-person kayaks; **10** individuals max. for program.

Rain/Inclement Weather Policy

- * All events are rain or shine unless a rain date is specified.
- * Program leaders determine cancellations on the day of the program. Please call one hour before start time for status.

Other Important Information

- *Participants under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
- * Fishing is not permitted from the shoreline; you may fish from your kayak or canoe.
- * Dept. of Rec. & Parks, MPNC, staff, & volunteers are not liable for loss, theft, or damage to personal property.
- * We reserve the right to deny participation to any visitor based on behavior that could jeopardize safety.



December 2021



Space is limited. Please register for all programs.

Call [410-887-2817](tel:410-887-2817) to register.

Groups require special reservations

**Should you require special accommodations
(i.e., language interpreter, large print, etc.)**

call: 410-887-5370/ TDD: 410-877-5319

Mondays: Dec. 6, 13, 20

11 am - 12 n

Pre-K Nature

6th (Animal Homes), 13th (It's Winter),

20th (Evergreens). Introduce your little ones to

nature's wonders while enjoying stories, crafts, games,

songs, & outdoor activities.

\$5 per child. **No Pre-K Dec. 27.**

Wednesdays: Dec. 1, 8, 15

11-11:45 am

Nature Storytime

Join a Naturalist for a story and a short hike.

Recommended for ages 5 and younger.

\$2 per child.

No Storytime Dec. 22 or 29.

**Sat, Dec 4
10am - 4pm**

Holiday Celebration- Decorate the Nature Center, sing carols, enjoy baked goods and hot chocolate, and make a wreath or ornament to celebrate the holidays! Open to the public; activity costs vary.



**Sun, Dec 5
12n - 3pm**

Wreaths and Natural Ornaments- Make wreaths, ornaments, and other decorations using natural materials while enjoying the warmth of a campfire. Supplies are limited. Registration required. \$7 large wreaths, \$5 medium wreaths.

**Sun, Dec 12
9am**

Sunday Bird Walk- Explore the estuary and more with our expert bird watchers. Free!

**Fri, Dec 17
6 - 7:30 pm**

The Long Night Hike- The shortest days and longest nights are here. Learn how our ancestors coped with the sun's absence and celebrated the changing seasons. Campfire to follow. \$5 per non-member, \$4 per member.

**Sat, Dec 18
10 - 11am**

Winter Sketching - Sketch the season's beauty with our artist-in-residence. All materials provided. \$3 per person.

**Sun, Dec 19
10 - 11:30 am**

Holiday Sweater Hike- Wear your best (or ugliest) holiday sweater for a hike around Marshy Point! \$2 per person.

**Fri, Dec 24
All day**

Center Closed for County Holiday- Park open.

**Sat, Dec 25
All day**

Center Closed for County Holiday- Park open.

**Fri, Dec 31
All day**

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January 2022



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Mondays: Jan. 10, 24, 31

11am - 12n

Pre-K Nature

10th (Feed Your Feathered Friends), 24th (Snow), 31st (Chilly Chesapeake). Introduce your little ones to nature's wonders while enjoying stories, crafts, games, songs, & outdoor activities.

\$5 per child. **No Pre-K Jan. 3 or 17.**

Wednesdays: Jan. 12, 19, 26

11-11:45 am

Nature Storytime

Join a Naturalist for a story and a short hike.

Recommended for ages 5 and younger.

\$2 per child. **No Storytime Jan. 5.**

Sat, Jan 1 Center Closed for County Holiday- Park open.
All day

Sun, Jan 2 Winter Family Hike - Bring your family to the park for a naturalist-led hike! Learn about the winter happenings around the Marsh and look for signs of life in the cold season. \$2 per person.
1 - 2pm

Sat, Jan 8 Raptor Chat - What do birds of prey eat? How do they survive the winter? Why are they excellent hunters? Answer these questions and more as we discuss Maryland's raptors and introduce you to our raptor residents at Marshy Point. \$2 per person.
1 - 2pm

Sun, Jan 9 Sunday Bird Walk - Explore the estuary and more with our expert bird watchers. Free!
9am

Fri, Jan 14 Owl Prowl and Campfire - Meet our resident owls and learn about these nocturnal hunters' adaptations. After the hike, enjoy s'mores by the campfire. \$5 per non-member, \$3 per member
6 - 7:30pm

Sat, Jan 15 Winter Photography - Wear your boots and bring your camera to explore the photographic opportunities around Marshy Point. \$3 per non-member, \$2 per member.
10 - 11am

Sun, Jan 16 Surviving Winter - Learn how humans have been able to withstand winter conditions throughout history and how you can survive a frosty situation. Dress for the weather; we will go outside to build a shelter. \$5 per non-member, \$3 per member.
1 - 2:30pm

Mon, Jan 17 Center Closed for County Holiday- Park open.
All day

Sat/Sun, Jan 22/23 Winter Scavenger Hunt - Find all the items on the list and collect a prize! Offered throughout the day. \$2 per map; one prize per map purchased.
10 - 4pm

Sat, Jan 29 Bears in MD - Do bears live in Maryland? Yes, they do! Come learn about their "bear"-abouts and role in Maryland's ecosystem. \$2 per person.
11am - 12n



February 2022



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Mondays: Feb. 7, 14, 28

11 am - 12 n

Pre-K Nature

7th (Groundhogs), 14th, (Valentine's Day), 28th (Maple Syrup). Introduce your little ones to nature's wonders while enjoying stories, crafts, games, songs, and outdoor activities. \$5 per child.

No program, Feb. 21.

Wednesdays: Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23

11-11:45 am

Nature Storytime

Join a Naturalist for a story and a short hike.

Recommended for ages 5 and younger.

\$2 per child.

**Sat, Feb 5
1 - 2pm**

Whistle Pig Whimsy - Gus, Punxsutawney Phil, woodchuck, sod poodle, land beaver, and whistle pig are all the same. Learn about this amazing rodent and the history of Groundhog's Day. \$2 per person.

**Sun, Feb 6
11am - 12n**

Winter Plant ID - How do you identify trees with no leaves? Join a naturalist to find out. \$2 per person.

**Sat, Feb 12
10 - 11am**

Winter Waterfowl - Ducks, geese, and swans depend on the Chesapeake Bay during winter. We'll look for them and learn why they are here. \$2 per person.

**Sun, Feb 13
9am**

Sunday Bird Walk - Explore the estuary and more with our expert bird watchers. Free!

**Sun, Feb 13
1 - 2:30pm**

Creating Fire - Learn the art of creating fire through various methods. \$5 per non-member, \$4 per member.

**Fri, Feb 18
6 - 7:30pm**

Full Moon Hike - Learn about the phases of the moon and enjoy a campfire under the moonlight. Campfire to follow. \$5 per non-member, \$3 per member.

**Sat/Sun
Feb 19/20 &
Feb 26/27
11am - 4pm**

Maple Sugar Time - How do you get sap from a tree? How is maple sugar made? Who originally created maple syrup? Join us for a hike where we'll answer these questions and provide interactive demonstrations; participants will help tap a tree, collect sap, learn how to make maple syrup, and have the opportunity to taste different types of syrup. Tree tapping hikes every hour until 3pm. \$5 per non-member; \$3 per member.

